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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Amendment

As it appears that the examiner did not read the term "subject" in the claims properly, claims 1, 4, 6, and 7 have been amended to clarify that the term "subject" in the claims refers to the field --SUBJECT:-- of a header of an email. No new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 were rejected under § 102(b) as anticipated by Saito (USP 6,480,884), and claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Saito. Applicants traverse these rejections because Saito would not have taught deriving a file name of the input file data based on the field "SUBJECT:" of a header of the email to be transmitted.

Independent claims 1, 6, and 7 call for producing a file name of the input file data based on the field SUBJECT: of a header of an electronic mail to be transmitted. In contrast to the examiner's understanding, Saito is completely silent regarding how to derive the file name, let alone deriving the file name based on the field SUBJECT: of an email header.

The examiner argued that Saito discloses a "setter," relying on the passage set forth in column 7, lines 1-12. That passage, however, merely describes inputting the addresses in the fields TO: and BCC: of an email header, and combining the email header and a data file, namely a text coded TIFF file, to generate an email. The examiner further argued that Saito discloses a producer, relying on the passages set forth in column 5, lines 38-58. That passage merely discloses generating a TIFF file using internet facsimile protocol and then generating an email that includes that TIFF file. In all instances, Saito does not disclose or suggest how the file name is derived. In fact, Saito does not even mention the field "SUBJECT:" in its disclosure. It appears that the examiner has not properly construed the term "subject." The claims as presently amended make it clear that the file name to be emailed is derived from the field SUBJECT of a header of an email. Applicants submit that the claims patentably distinguish over Saito within the meaning of § 102 and § 103.

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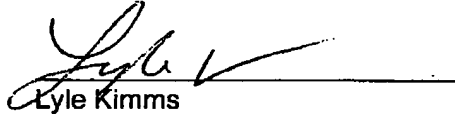
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Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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